## WHILE TRICK OR TREATING

- Stay in a group, walk slowly, and communicate.
- Use flashlights or glow sticks.
- Only trick or treat in well-known neighborhoods at homes that have a porch light on.
- Remain on well-lit streets and use sidewalks.
- Never cut across yards or through alleyways.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Always walk, never run.
- Use established crosswalks.
- Don't assume the right of way motorists may not see you.
- Never consume unwrapped food items or drinks from a stranger.
- Don't eat treats until thoroughly checked by an adult.
- Report bullies or bullying behavior to an adult right away!
- If you're in trouble, ask for help get an adult or call 9-1-1.

IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY LAW ENFORCEMENT OF ANY SUSPICIOUS OR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#### **AFTER TRICK OR TREATING**

- Wait until trick-or-treaters are home before sorting and checking treats.
- Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should examine all treats, throwing away any spoiled, unwrapped, or suspicious items.
- Make sure items that can cause choking (hard candies) are given only to those of an appropriate age.
- Don't leave your Jack O' Lantern(s) burning all night!







WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

# DUVALL POLICE DEPARTMENT



# HALLOWEEN SAFETY



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# **DUVALL-CARNATION POLICE**

As the spirit of Halloween draws near, kids of all ages are anxiously awaiting the day they will be able don their new costume, get the largest goody bag they can find and trek off into the night to gather loads of goodies.

The Duvall Police Department recognizes Halloween as a time for families to share in a commitment to one another, as well as a time for kids to get out, run wild and have fun. After all, one of the most important food groups for a child is sugar... and what better time than Halloween, to be able to eat as much of it as possible?



We share in your excitement and anticipation of the upcoming festivities, and we want to make sure that all of you have a great time, while staying safe.

Because all of you are important to us, we have decided to provide you with some helpful tips to ensure that this event is a success for our community.

We encourage all of you to get out and participate in this event and have fun! While doing so, we ask that all of you be safe, respectful, and helpful to others.



#### PREPARING FOR HALLOWEEN

- When purchasing a costume, ensure that it contains a label indicating it is flame-resistant.
- Consider adding reflective tape to it.
- Make sure that the costume fits.
  Costumes that are too long, can cause a child to trip and fall.
- Make sure shoes fit as well and the costume is weather-appropriate.
- Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within the costume. This will aid in reuniting the child with family, should he/she get lost.
- Teach your children their phone number AND address.
- Purchase flashlights or glow sticks for your children, and for yourself.
- Remind them that 9-1-1 can be dialed free from any phone.
- Review and practice the principles of "Stop-Drop-Roll" (in case costume catches on fire).
- Discuss appropriate/inappropriate behavior.

#### **BEFORE YOU TRICK OR TREAT**

- A good meal before trick or treating will discourage filling up on Halloween Treats.
- As long as the "child-safe" tools are used, children should be encouraged to help design and carve your Jack O' Lanterns—and adults should supervise, of course.
- Consider fire safety and access when decorating.
- Plan and review your route.
- Do not permit children to bicycle, roller-blade or skateboard.
- Agree on a time that everyone should return home.
- Remind all household drivers to remain cautious and drive slowly throughout the community.
- Prior to nightfall, walk through your yard and pick up any potential hazards, such as yard tools, flower pots, etc. This will prevent others from being injured.
- Turn off your porch light if you will not be participating.

